

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Gunji et al.

Art Unit: 1635

Application No.: 10/716473

Examiner: Robinson

Filing Date: November 20, 2003

Attorney Ref. No.: US-104

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
L-AMINO ACID USING  
METHYLOTROPH

**VIA EFS-Web**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2006, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 6.

Remarks begin on page 7.